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FY15 OFFICIAL GRANTEES



Collaborative Solutions for Communities

Progressive Employment Program

Official Decision: Approved

Project Abstract: A project abstract must be included as the first page of the project narrative. In 200 words or less describe the following: project's purpose; population served; summary of activities that are aligned with goals and objectives.

In partnership with the Office on Returning Citizen Affairs (ORCA), the Columbia Heights/Shaw Family Support Collaborative (CH/SFSC) will serve 80 adult returning citizens, through the Progressive Employment Program (PEP). This programs goal include increasing job readiness skills, reducing re-incarceration, and promoting self-directed positive decision making and self-sufficiency through the use of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy and Family Group Conferencing.

Since 2011, the PEP has used the above evidence-based approaches to provide a comprehensive workforce development program with wrap-around support services focused on the clients strengths. By connecting the client to resources and support networks the clients will be empowered to find the solutions for their individual situations, and create lasting solutions. Through focusing on clients strengths, and support from the Justice Grants Administration, the PEP has been able to serve nearly 130 individuals during over the last three years, with over 85% obtaining employment, and an 85% retention rate in the first two years. The continuation of this program will include deepening our case management practice through extending the Family Group Conferencing model to further stabilize participants and their households, and by offering additional certification training in construction trades for those that choose this opportunity as a goal.

With the continued use of these approaches, we anticipate sustaining client progress towards employment and self-sufficiency. To evaluate outcomes, CH/SFSC will use qualitative and quantitative data, to assess the process and outcomes of the program. Data will be analyzed on a quarterly basis to inform program staff about the progress of the participants and guide data-driven adjustments.

Consultants for Change Inc.

Women's Reentry Case Management Initiative

Official Decision: Approved

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Consultants for Change Inc. requests \$325,755 to provide navigation services and case management to 200 women housed in the Correctional Treatment Facility, leading to their successful re-entry. For the women requesting intensive case management we will work with them until at least six (6) months after their return to the community so they have supports as they begin to rebuild their lives and reduce incidences of recidivism. Of the 200 women we serve, we will provide intensive case management to 100 women and general navigation and general case management for 100 women who refuse or do not need intensive case management. Intensive case management includes services continued into the community and ongoing goal planning. Service delivery will be strongly relational, based on data indicating the necessity of such an approach to effect change among women. We will conduct risk/needs assessments, design release plans, create links to services, and provide follow up (including re-evaluation and additional service delivery). Case managers will also work in partnership with the Department of Behavioral Health to address the needs of women diagnosed with a co-occurring disorder. Finally, in order to build relationships with community providers, so they will respond to our request for services, make accommodations, and share information Consultants for Change will offer community trainings, workshops and focus groups as a vehicle to build a shared understanding of the needs of women's reentry.

House of Ruth

House of Ruth - Women's Integrated Re-entry Program

Official Decision: Approved

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House of Ruth's Women's Integrated Re-entry Program (WIRP), established in October 2013, facilitates a smooth transition into the community for women released from the Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) in Southeast, DC. WIRP provides housing, assessment and case management that connect women to wrap-around services through a network of providers. Trained staff is designated for at least 16 women during the contract year. In the initial program phase, a collaborative intake process was established that highlights the workflow and continuum of care model being implemented. A program handbook, continuum of care and timelines for participants were developed and the case manager began individualized re-entry plans in collaboration with each woman, using a thorough assessment of needs, capabilities and goals. Services include housing, education, employment, life skills, substance abuse, mental health, family and community supports and more. Initial interviews begin in the CTF, transportation is provided as needed. A curriculum and two support groups (job readiness and re-entry support group) were designed and implemented specifically for WIRP participants.

Jubilee Housing, Inc.

Jubilee Reentry Housing Initiative

Official Decision: Approved

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Jubilee Housing, Inc. (Jubilee) seeks \$300,000 in grant funds from the District of Columbia's Justice Grants Administration (Justice Assistance Grant) to support annual operations in its Reentry Housing Initiative to promote effective reentry among currently and recently incarcerated men and women. This operating support will allow Jubilee to provide housing, case management, and counseling for up to 20 men and women which will provide the foundation for successful reentry. Jubilee's staff along with its committed and experienced partners – Jubilee Jobs, Unity Health Care, Columbia Road Health Services, and others - will help provide a comprehensive range of services that are needed for successful reentry. When Jubilee Housing was given a multi-year commitment letter in May 2012, the commitment was based on successful completion of the following conditions which have been met:

- A) Complete financing and renovation of two buildings capable of accommodating 20 reentry residents: Jubilee Housing closed on a DHCD construction loan, completed renovations on both reentry houses, and received Certificates of Occupancy for both facilities.

- B) Award of DOH-HOPWA multi-year grants: Jubilee Housing has received a multi-year commitment from DOH-HOPWA to support our reentry program.

- C) Provision of 24 hour staffing, counseling, and case management services: Jubilee Housing completed the hiring of professional staff to serve the two reentry houses in the fall of 2013. We are currently providing case management services to men and women reentry residents in two facilities.

Justice Research and Statistics Assn, Inc.

Building capacity for performance measurement and evaluation

Official Decision: Approved

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The "Building Capacity for Performance Measurement and Evaluation" (BCPME) project began in FY2014 and has begun to improve the capacity of the Office of Justice Grants Administration and Victim Services (OJGAVS) grantees to collect high-quality performance measure data and conduct process evaluation. In the first year, JRSA facilitated a series of workshops for 14 grantees under three funding streams -- Office of Victim Services (victim services grantees); Bryne JAG (Adult Reentry and Employment Services); and JABG Title II (juvenile justice) to present overviews of evidence-based practices and process evaluation, and to develop a set of common performance measures. For FY2015, JRSA proposes to continue to work with grantees receiving funds under these funding streams, but for those grantees continuing from Year 1, will provide additional one-on-one review the grantee's data collection processes, data quality control, and provide descriptive statistics for on-line performance measure reporting. JRSA will also conduct an evaluation of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program, including both a secondary data analysis of existing data systems, as well as interviews/focus groups with stakeholders. This evaluation will assess the efficacy of the SANE program and include an evaluation manual which can be used in replicating the program.

Opportunities Industrialization Center of DC

DC Works Program

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A. Project Abstract

Opportunities Industrialization Center of the District of Columbia, in partnership with the Court Services and Offenders Supervision Agency, the Department of Employment Services, UDC-Community College, the DC Housing Authority and public/private employers, will provide thirty-five (35) District returning residents, including female offenders from the Central Treatment Facility (CTF), with job development and work readiness for employment in the local labor market. This goal will be achieved using an effective comprehensive program, DC Works, consisting of several components: Orientation; Evaluation; Life Skills Training; Work Readiness Training; Literacy; On-The Job Training, when needed; Job Placement; Mentoring; Case Management; and Wrap-Around Services/Follow-Up. Participants will be: trained for twelve weeks, five days a week and four hours per day; placed in a four week employer OJT experience; and placed in unsubsidized jobs. Orientation and recruitment services at CTF will be coordinated with the Assistant Warden for Programming (Mr. Walter Fulton). Program objectives are: enroll 35 participants in training; a training completion rate of 75% or 26; and an unsubsidized job placement rate of 80% or 21 with 75% retention after 60 days. Summative and formative evaluation methods will be used to assess progress toward and attainment of objectives.

Voices for a Second Chance (formerly Visitors' Services Center)

Inmate First Responder & Reentry for Women and Men

Official Decision: Approved

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PROJECT PURPOSE: At the time of arrest, individuals (and their families) often feel isolated, worried and afraid. Without a connection to the community, an inmate may continue to feel separated from family and work throughout incarceration. This often contributes to a difficult reentry process and a high rate of recidivism. Voices for a Second Chance (VSC) provide a network of services and programs that connect inmates to their families and the community.

POPULATION SERVED: Since 1969, VSC has served men in the DC Correctional Detention Facility (CDF) and District residents formerly incarcerated in Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP). In 2012, VSC was selected by the DC Justice Grants Administration (JGA) to expand those services to women in DC's Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF).

ACTIVITIES: VSC provides:

1. **FIRST RESPONDER AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES** for male and female inmates, from addressing urgent needs during intake into the correctional system to their reentry into the community.
2. **GENDER RESPONSIVE SERVICES** for female inmates, such as life skills to address the effects of trauma, deal with toxic relationships, and strengthen parenting skills,
3. **POST-RELEASE SERVICES AND REFERRALS** for returning citizens to partnering organizations in areas such as employment, education, housing, and healthcare, and
4. **FAMILY CONNECTIONS SERVICES** for spouses and children of inmates and those re-entering the community.